

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BEAUMONT DIVISION

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IN RE NORPLANT CONTRACEPTIVE §
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION §
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MDL NO. 1038 TX EASTERN-BEAUMONT
ALL CASES BY Beverly Helbaugh

ORDER

On August 10, 1999, the court conducted a status conference with lead and liaison counsel for the parties regarding the status of this litigation. The court was advised that Defendants propose to make settlement offers to plaintiffs whose claims were pending on March 1, 1999, and that Defendants intend to pursue their pending motions for partial summary judgment as to all plaintiffs whose counsel decline to participate in the settlement program. Those motions for partial summary judgment are presently stayed as to all plaintiffs.

Given this circumstance, the court hereby ORDERS that a copy of this Order be served on the master service list so that plaintiffs' counsel interested in the settlement program may contact Plaintiffs' Steering Committee Co-Chair, Turner Branch at (505) 243-3500 or Michael L. Slack at (512) 795-8686 for further information. Counsel are encouraged to make such contact immediately and, should they elect to participate, communicate that intention promptly to Messrs. Branch and/or Slack. No later than September 15, 1999, the court intends to issue further orders directed to counsel who elect not to participate in the settlement programs regarding the filing of responses to Defendants' several motions for partial summary judgment.

Signed this the 19th day of August, 1999.

Richard A. Schell

RICHARD A. SCHELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE